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MISSIONS

You must remember that at our last General Conference we pledged ourselves as a society to raise two hundred and fifty dollars for missions during the current church year. This was to be raised by a regular monthly offering. I wonder how many societies have attempted to help raise the amount? Some have and I am sure that judging from Brother Cassel's report our contributions have not been small. I hope that during the next six months every society will make a contribution to this fund. Let us at least raise the amount as originally fixed. If you have money now in your treasurer's hand for this purpose send it at once to Brother Cassel, that it may be put to the use intended by the giver.

WASHINGTON CITY MISSION

Certainly we are glad to have a church of our own at the Nation's capital. But we know also what it means upon the part of the church. I feel quite sure that as a society we want to have something to do with this church. It is too late to have part in the first payment. But of course that payment will be made, and then more will be needed. Can we not make a special effort and make at least a payment of one hundred dollars by April 15. Will not each society arrange for a special contribution for this purpose and send your contribution to Brother Cassel? Let us try at least.

COLLEGE

Who is now pessimistic concerning the future of Ashland College? Certainly every one interested in the educational work of the church is very much gratified and encouraged with the progress made. The enrollment is beyond our expectations. But the college must needs be supported. It is the duty of the church, as a whole, at this present time to come to the support of the college. There is no college or university today that is not richly endowed. Ashland lacks endowment, but we hope that soon some of our people of means may not forget her in disposing of their wealth. We as a society promised to raise two hundred and fifty dollars. How much has been raised? Have we entirely forgotten it? Come, let us keep our word. Let us rally to the support of our only institution of education. Can we not raise this amount by June 1?

I hope that these hastily written lines may renew activity where activity has ceased and encourage that which has continued to persist. We have six months until our next National Conference. Let us redeem the time. Let us make good all promises, realize all ideals, so that, at that time we shall feel encouraged to attempt greater things for Christ and the church. WM. FURRY.

Heaven shall want power and earth means before any of the household of faith shall want maintenance.—Hall.

The Christian Life

Perfect Peace

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin!
The blood of Jesus whispers, Peace within.
Peace, perfect peace, with thronging duties pressed!
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.
Peace, perfect peace, with sorrow surging round!
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.
Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away!
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.
Peace, perfect peace, our future here unknown!
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.
Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours!
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.
It is enough; earth's struggles soon will cease,
And Jesus call to heaven's perfect peace.
—Bickersteth.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

"CHRIST OUR HEALER"

Lesson: Ps. 91.

I. In Preventing Disease.

- By making men more careful of their bodies, I Cor. 6:19, 20.
- By redeeming us from sin which leads to vices and sins destructive of the body, Rom. 6:23.
- By revealing to us that disease is the result of sin, John 5:14; Lev. 13:16; Heb. 2:14; Acts 10:38.
- By teaching indirectly that the laws of our bodies are God's laws and must be obeyed.

II In Healing Those Diseased.

- He healed diseases when here on earth. Almost all his miracles were those of healing.
- He promised to heal men thru the ministrations of his disciples after he was gone, Mk. 16:16-18.
 - It is not argument against this scripture or this view that Christ's disciples so rarely do these signs.
 - If we abide in Christ and have Christ's word abiding in us we have the promise that we shall receive whatever we ask, John 15:7.
 - The Apostle James gave command by which the sick should be healed "in the name of the Lord." James 5:14-16.
 - Sick have been healed by the prayer of faith in all ages of the church.
 - In days of the apostles and early disciples, Acts 3:6-8; 5:16; 8:5-7, etc.
 - In modern times, See Gordon's "Ministry of Healing." J. L. GILLIN.

With Jesus In Prayer

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"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. Mark 1:35.

One of the greatest needs of the world and the church today is men who know how to pray. The need is felt and acknowledged but is not easily supplied. For prayer is a most wonderful thing, and few of us know much about it. When we begin to study prayer, we find it has in it something of the infiniteness of God, and that in this matter the most advanced of us is but a beginner. There are mysteries in prayer that we have never explored; there is a power in prayer that we have never wielded; there are joys and sorrows in prayer that we have never tasted. Tho we may have been in Christ for years, we still need to come to him as the disciples came of old with the request, "Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1.

In no better way can the Lord Jesus grant this request than by taking us apart with Himself. Here, as elsewhere, He has left us

an example; in this as in other things His experience is a guide. What prayer was to Him, prayer should be to us; what prayer did for Him, prayer may do for us. In fellowship with the Lord Jesus we shall learn not only what prayer is, but how we ought to pray.

No one can read the Gospels without marveling at the place filled by prayer in our Lord's life. It was the atmosphere in which he lived and moved. That he prayed much is evident on the surface of the Gospel narrative, but how much he prayed becomes manifest only as we read between the lines. To Luke we owe most of the notices regarding the prayerfulness of Jesus, and they all give us the impression that the greater part of the prayer life of our Lord escaped notice and therefore escaped record. But enough is recorded to show us that our Lord prayed always and everywhere. By day, by night, in sorrow, in joy, amid the praises or the curses of the crowd, Jesus strengthened and refreshed his soul with prayer. In the home, in the church, on the street, at the grave, on the cross, He poured out his heart to God.

All His greatest experiences were received, and all his greatest works done in connection with prayer. It was by prayer that He cast out the most obstinate demons, Matt. 17:21; it was after prayer that he recalled the dead to life, John 11:41; it was in prayer that he overcame the fiercest assaults of the enemy, Luke 22:41; it was after prayer that he chose those men who were to carry his Gospel thru the world, Luke 6:12; it was as he prayed that he was baptized with the Holy Ghost, Luke 3:21; it was as he prayed that he was transfigured till he shone with the glory of God, Luke 9:29. So important was the place occupied by prayer in the life of the Lord Jesus, that it is not too much to say that until we have learned to pray we are incapable of knowing Him, or of having fellowship with Him in his most blessed experiences.

The general conception of prayer is too narrow. Many Christian people almost limit the idea of prayer to petition. To them the essence of prayer is the asking of God for things agreeable to his will.

But so to think of prayer is utterly to misunderstand it. True prayer does not consist only or even mainly of petition. At its best prayer is the expression of the soul's fulness as much as its want. It is the outpouring of the heart to God. Prayer, in short, is fellowship. No narrower conception of it will suffice. But if prayer be fellowship, how easy to understand the prayerfulness of Jesus! Nothing is more natural than that his life should have been a life of prayer.

With Jesus in solitude, therefore, we learn what true prayer is, and thru learning this learn also the conditions on which alone we can pray aright.

Prayer is fellowship. But fellowship is based on friendship. And friendship between sinful men and the Holy God is possible only on the basis of reconciliation and obedience. For us these are the wings of prayer without